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St Poelten

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1. On 11 October 1954, jeep  driven by a soldier with black-bordered black epaulets, jeep  and sedan  driven by a soldier with red-bordered black epaulets were parked in front of the former Kreisgericht on Schiesstatt Ring. The installation was guarded by a sentry with black-bordered red epaulets. Two canvas-covered 37-mm AA guns stood in front of the garage west of the former Kreisgericht. Several soldiers were seen at the garage which was guarded by a sentry. All soldiers observed wore red-bordered black epaulets. The Eugen Kaserne and Rainer Kaserne were apparently still lightly occupied. A group of 14 soldiers with black-bordered black epaulets engaged in athletics in the yard of the Franz Josef Kaserne. Truck  was parked in this yard. The barrier at the Franz Josef Kaserne was guarded by a sentry with black-bordered black epaulets. Vehicles passing the barrier included jeep  and trucks  which were driven by soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets, sedan  and trucks  which were driven by soldiers with black-bordered red epaulets, and truck  driven by a soldier with black-bordered black epaulets.<sup>1</sup> 25X1

Camp Spratzern

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2. Three T-34 tanks stood at Camp Spratzern. Vehicles observed at the installation included jeep  and trucks  All vehicles were driven by soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets.<sup>1</sup> 25X1

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3. On 12 October, a major with artillery insignia, four soldiers, and trucks  were observed at the Birago Kaserne. The installation which was apparently almost vacant was guarded by a sentry. The officer and all soldiers observed wore red-bordered black epaulets.<sup>1</sup> 25X1

Bruck

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4. On 8 October, a troop train carrying eight heavy tanks passed through the Bruck/Leitha  on the Leitha River railroad station en route to Goepfritz. Two similar troop trains to Goepfritz were scheduled to pass through Bruck.<sup>2</sup> 25X1

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[redacted] Comment. The observation indicates that most of the units of the 95th Gas Reg Bde from St. Florian, Camp Gumbinnen and Hald were still absent from their posts and were probably engaged in field exercises in the area of the Döhlenschein troop training grounds.

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[redacted] Comment. The troop training probably carried Soviet units from Hungary which moved to the Döhlenschein troop training grounds for participation in the full maneuvers of the Central Group of Forces.

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